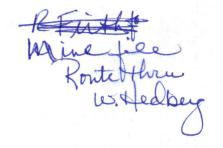


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Mr. A. A. Kovschak Manager of Geology and Mine Engineering Umetco Mineral Corporation Box 1029 2754 Compass Drive, Suite 280 DOGNOGRAM PILE COPY

RE:

Draft Ground Water Discharge Permit for the Hecla Mine Water Discharge Treatment Facility

Dear Mr. Kovschak:

Grand Junction, CO 81502

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the permit referenced above. Please review this draft and send any comments to our office within two weeks. When a version that is acceptable to both Umetco and the Division of Water Quality is agreed upon, the permit will go out for the 30-day public comment period. The final permit will be issued after consideration of any comments received during this period.

Please contact Robert P. Barnes at 801-538-6146 if you have any questions regarding the permit or related matters.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Mize, P.E., Manager Ground Water Protection Section

Enclosure

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Dianne Nielson, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Southeast Utah District Health Dept.

David Ariotti, District Engineer

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